


performs encryption calculation", then the claim would be allowable. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for this suggestion and has amended claim 1 accordingly in order to make the claim more clear and definite. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1, as amended is definite and particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which the Applicant regards as the invention. Applicant respectfully request that this § 112 rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such a Notice is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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